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Dear FCC Folks:

I appreciate you have volumes of work with huge companies, but I submit that maintaining the amateur radio service is as important to the country, to history, to continuing electronic progress and growth, and to the amateurs ourselves as any of the big business issues you have to deal with. I thank you for your on-going efforts and with the seriousness you take this task on. When I read within ***QST*** that people were warned for operating outside their privileges, my heart is warmed. Thanks.

That said, I do not want the code requirement lessened any more than it has been. Learning 5 words a minute is a low –level commitment. Lowering to the 5 words was a massive concession. So be it.

I see no purpose in increasing the Tech privileges. The Tech license is a huge privilege. UHF and VHF privileges are granted. Passing a simple 5 words per minute code test gains HF privileges. That is a logical progression. The way licensing sits right now is fine.

Respectfully,

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